

CINCINNATI POLICE DEPARTMENT



STAFF NOTES

*Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
July 6, 2004*

ITEM

1. [MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – FREE ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY](#)
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TRAINING SECTION

CHIEF'S OFFICE

1. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – FREE ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, in conjunction with Industrial Safety Consultants, Inc. has developed several online Emergency Response training programs for law enforcement. The following courses are currently available: **Hazmat Awareness, Incident Command Awareness, Emergency Response Planning and Evacuation Coordinator.**

Persons interested in signing up for training programs should go to www.saferesponse.com. Michigan State University is offering these programs for a limited time at no cost. Funding for these programs comes from a federal grant. Michigan State University will provide electronic certificates to those who complete each course. Individuals will have the course posted on to their training record upon submission of the training certificate to the Police Academy.

Participation in this program is strictly voluntary and no monetary compensation will be given.

Please see the [attached flyer](#) for additional information. Questions may be directed to Barry Webb at 357-7561.

2. THANK YOU LETTERS

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several thank you letters written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by officers in our Department.

**Online Training Opportunities
Free for a Limited Time**

Michigan State University, in conjunction with Industrial Safety Consultants, Inc., has developed several online Awareness Level training programs for public and private sector emergency responders.

The training programs described below are located at www.saferesponse.com. MSU is offering these programs *for a limited time* at no cost. Also, all four programs can be used for required refresher training. Funding for these programs is generated through a federal grant. Michigan State University will provide electronic certificates to those who complete each course. A representative from your employer will need to provide a signature on the certificate for proper documentation.



If you were first on the scene of an emergency, would you know what to do?

Title	Emergency Response Planning	Evacuation Coordinators	Hazmat Awareness	Incident Command Awareness
Course Content	This course focuses on the plans that employers must prepare to protect their employees and the surrounding community from potential emergencies including fires, explosions, hazardous materials incidents, technical rescues, emergency medical incidents, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism.	Participants learn requirements for evacuation and in-place sheltering, recognizing emergency conditions requiring evacuation, and directing and assisting employees during evacuation and in-place sheltering.	Participants learn how to recognize a hazardous materials release and the risks posed; how to identify the released material; how to use available resources; and how to notify the proper authorities.	Participants learn how to implement an Incident Management System during the initial stages of an emergency before more senior officials arrive.

Program Length and Fee

Program length varies depending on whether participant reviews all linked materials. At least one hour will be required; however, participants may leave the course and return to the same point without starting over. As indicated above, **for a limited time** these courses are being offered at no cost. Go to www.saferesponse.com to start the process!

For additional information, contact Scott Tobey, Professor, School of Criminal Justice at tobey@msu.edu

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June 23, 2004

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Police Chief's Office
801 Plum Street, Suite 2
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I wanted to express my appreciation for the presentation that Officer Odem provided to our clients. On May 20th, 2004 Officer Odem and his canine partner provided a demonstration to our adolescent boy's therapy group which was both impressive and educational. Officer Odem was patient and savvy in working with our clients (children with emotional and behavioral problems). As a not for profit, child serving agency we depend on the generosity and compassion of people who donate their time and services. We appreciate Officer Odem's willingness to work with our special kids, as they often don't have the opportunity to interact with the police in this type of positive experience.

Sincerely,

Diane Young, MSW, LISW
Clinical Director
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June 21, 2004

Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
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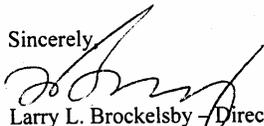
Dear Chief Streicher,

We have just concluded our promotion process for the rank of captain. During that process you allowed Capt. Jim Whalen to participate as an assessor in the process.

I want to thank you for allowing Capt. Whalen to assist with our promotion process. As you know, one of the most important functions in the police department is the promotion process. Your representative was very professional and did an excellent job of helping with our process.

If we can be of service to you in your promotion processes, or in any other way, please let us know. Please convey our sincere appreciation to Capt. Jim Whalen.

Sincerely,


Larry L. Brockelsby - Director
Human Resources Division

The logo for Cappel's, featuring the name in a stylized, cursive script with a horizontal line underneath.

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June 23, 2004

Chief Tom Streicher
Cincinnati Police
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214

Dear Chief Streicher,

On Thursday, June 17, 2004, seven members of the Downtown Citizen On Patrol Program were given the opportunity to tour your third floor communications center. The members of our group felt this was a great learning opportunity. Supervisor Beverly Allen was very informative in giving us the tour. We were also permitted to monitor police dispatch and 911 calls. The supervisor, dispatchers and 911 operators were very friendly and cordial in providing information about their jobs and the system. We thank the communications center staff for their hospitality and the training they provided for our group.

We would also like to thank Officer Eric Franz for arranging the tour and also for the training and mentoring that he continues to provide. Eric works hard and very conscientiously to ensure that the Citizens On Patrol Program performs in a manner that is acceptable to the Cincinnati Police.

We thank you for your training, your support, and your concern about our safety. We trust this will continue to develop into a good partnership.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rich Cappel".

Rich Cappel
for Downtown Citizens On Patrol Program

PATRICK M. GALLIVAN
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY



June 14, 2004

Chief Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Chief Streicher:

On behalf of the Erie County Sheriff's Office, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and commend the Cincinnati Police Department for the invaluable assistance provided to our agency regarding the location and safe return of 17-year-old runaway, Ms. Cyndal Robinson. I wish to express my gratitude to you and your distinguished officers and I trust that these words will adequately convey our indebtedness to you.

Our agency was very fortunate to work with Officers Tracey Corso and Donna Lee-Cobb and it was the timely and thorough assistance of these Officers that resulted in the location of Ms. Robinson. Their exemplary efforts are a testament to the professionalism and expertise of the Cincinnati Police Department. Please share our sentiments with those under your command who were so beneficial to this investigation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PAT', is written over a horizontal line.

PATRICK GALLIVAN
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

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JOHN T. KELLER

June 25, 2004

Chief Thomas Streicher, Jr.
City of Cincinnati
Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Re: State of Ohio vs. Kevin Kennedy
Case Nos. 04CRB15339A&B and 04CRB15340

Dear Chief Streicher:

Before closing the above captioned file I felt duty bound to write you a brief letter regarding this matter. My client, Kevin Kennedy was charged in Case No. 04CRB15339-B with Resisting Arrest. It is with regard to this case specifically that I will address my comments.

Police Officers J. Wharton (P840) and R. Smith (P674) were the primary officers involved in this arrest. Both police officers are to be commended for the professionalism that they exhibited during the course of this arrest. Prior to working out a plea I had an opportunity to view the tape of the arrest. In an effort to get this matter resolved I requested that both Mr. Kennedy's parents be present with me as well as the arresting officers and the City of Cincinnati Prosecutor to review the video. Quite frankly I believe that the video would serve as an excellent teaching video at the Police Academy. From beginning to end the officers acted with great restraint and continued to remain calm in an attempt to diffuse the situation and calm the defendant down. Thereafter, in court both officers were most reasonable and understanding in spite of the ordeal which they were involved in. With their cooperation I was able to get this matter resolved and my client was not given any additional jail time as a result of the conviction. Over the past several years I have had the good fortune of dealing with both officers in other situations. Your department should be proud of the example which they are displaying.

At this particular time when the police department is under constant attack and criticism I felt that it was absolutely necessary to bring to your attention the fine job that these officers are performing and to give them the necessary credit. I remain;

Very truly yours,


John T. Keller

JTK/tll

Cc: Officer R. Smith
Officer J. Wharton



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Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
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June 22, 2004

Dear Colonel Streicher:

This letter is to bring to your attention the fine aid that I received from four of your personnel, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Janke, Lieutenant Tim Sabransky, Lieutenant Barbara Young, Lieutenant Douglas Wiesman, and to commend them all.

I am currently a Patrol Sergeant for the City of Columbus and am working on my Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Tiffin University. I sought assistance from Lieutenant Sabransky earlier this year with some information needed for a project and he was extremely helpful. When I had another project this semester where I needed input from various lieutenants, I contacted Lieutenant Colonel Janke and sought his assistance. He forwarded my request to Lieutenants Young and Wiesman, who both took time out of their busy schedules to assist me with a Task Analysis for patrol lieutenants.

I am sure that you know how difficult it can be to get people to actively participate in the multitude of things that are required to be done on a daily basis, much less something that is not in their job description, but these four members of your department were willing to go beyond their daily activities and assist me. Without their help, my projects and analysis would have been very difficult to complete.

I am sure that these officers are a great reflection of the caliber of personnel in your department. I wanted to take a minute to commend them and to let you know that I appreciate the assistance that they provided to me.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Sgt. Steve L. Livingston
#5315 S-17-C



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June 17, 2004

Col Thomas E Streicher Jr
Chief of Police
Cincinnati Police Department
310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Dear Chief Streicher:

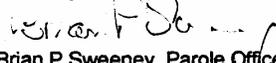
In June, 1998, the Cincinnati region of the Ohio Adult Parole Authority established a Fugitive Unit with a primary purpose of locating and apprehending those individuals that were purposefully avoiding parole supervision. In many instances, these individuals also have outstanding warrants and/or capiases.

We have found your department a valuable asset to our department as we attempt to complete our mission. Specifically, the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Crime Stoppers Program has proven to be an extremely valuable resource. It is our understanding that this program is staffed almost solely by your department.

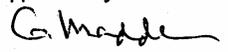
Our interactions with Detectives Linda Petroski, Karen Chaney-Harris and more recently, Greg Meadows and Tammy Skelly, have always resulted in the utmost professionalism. They have treated us with courtesy and respect, and we consider ourselves lucky to have officers like this at our disposal.

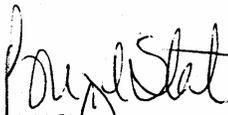
During these trying times for state and local government, we wanted to take the opportunity to let you know we greatly appreciate the service that you provide not only to our agency, but to the greater Cincinnati community as well.

Sincerely,


Brian P Sweeney, Parole Officer

Approved By:


Gary Madden, Cin-III, A0203
Parole Services Supervisor


Brigid Slaton
Regional Administrator

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Chief Thomas Streicher
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Dear Chief Streicher:

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I am forwarding this message to notify you of the outstanding support received from Officer Ken Hall during an emergency car situation I experienced on June 23, 2004. I was assisting a stranded motorist at a busy intersection, during rush hour, and was quite concerned for my safety and for the stranded motorist. Officer Hall noticed the situation and immediately came to our assistance.

Officer Hall was very attentive to our situation and redirected traffic to avoid injuries or an accident from occurring. Moreover, Officer Hall attempted to help us repair the car until the tow truck arrived. It is not often words of appreciation are shared, and I wanted to be the first to commend Officer Hall's initiative and effort in providing his assistance.

Thank you for your leadership and for providing a responsive, considerate Police Officer to oversee safety on our streets.

Sincerely,

Willie F. Carden, Jr.
Director of Parks

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Col. Thomas E. Streicher Jr.
Chief of Police
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RE: Detective Rick Wollenweber

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my appreciation and gratitude to Detective Rick Wollenweber who assisted the Cincinnati Adult Parole Authority in a crisis the week of 6/7/04. On 6/9/04 I contacted Detective Wollenweber to inquire into the recent murder of one of our employee's daughter. I also expressed to Detective Wollenweber that there were rumors in our office regarding a possibility that there could be some additional retaliation over the murder and that our office was in potential danger.

Detective Wollenweber validated my concerns and agreed to check the matter out and get back with me. He not only checked the matter out he also provided additional information for support for our employee. Furthermore, Detective Wollenweber was able to eliminate any concern of our staffs safety in the most expediate manner.

I was genuinely pleased with the professionalism and courtesy extended to our agency during this crisis. The Adult Parole Authority enjoys a positive working relationship with the Cincinnati Police Department and this is another example of that relationship.

Sincerely,

Brigid A. Slaton
Regional Administrator
Cincinnati Region



June 23, 2004

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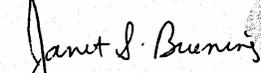
Dear Chief Streicher,

On behalf of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Council (HPNC), I would like to thank and commend Sgt. Marilee Neudigate of District 1, Event Planning Unit, for her professionalism, patience and extraordinary assistance in helping us secure the needed parade and liquor permits for our July 3rd and 4th events.

As dedicated and willing volunteers, members of HPNC have organized two full days of events – but often our spirit exceeds our knowledge. As the events become more complicated, it becomes harder for us to coordinate communication among the various volunteers. Consequently, some of the permit information submitted by a well-meaning volunteer turned out to be erroneous, and the way in which he completed the forms was not satisfactory for them to be moved forward. Sgt. Neudigate was extremely helpful in instructing me in the process, so we could solve the problems this year and avoid them in the future. She assisted us in re-doing the applications to meet requirements, even providing maps for our event venues so we could mark the barricades and other required details. Though we caused her a great deal of extra paperwork, she was unfailingly courteous and helpful. Most important, she expedited the process of getting the consent of property owner forms re-approved to reflect the needed timeframes. Empathizing with our urgency rather than criticizing us for our errors, she got done in one afternoon what usually takes four days, so we could send the liquor permit application on to Columbus in time (we hope!) to get the permits we need for the events.

We know that we could not offer community events such as the Hyde Park Block Party, Blast, and Concert and Fireworks without the cooperation and support of our Cincinnati Police Officers. We are grateful to Officer George Jason, of District 2, for all his help in making preparations for the Independence Day events, and especially appreciative to Sgt. Marilee Neudigate who made such an extraordinary effort to solve problems and expedite the permit process for us.

Sincerely,


Janet S. Buening
HPNC Communications Secretary
July 4th Committee Member